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SRI S. RAMASWAMI NAIDU :—" Sir, with reference to this, industry, is it advisable to evolve labour-saving appliances, when human labour is now unemployed? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, labour saving may mean increased production and decrease in labour. These two must go together."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, in the matter of selecting students are the Government giving preference to weavers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

Pennar bridge, Nellore.

* 205 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings as the hon. Member Sri B. Ramakrishna Reddi is not in his seat."

SRI B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when it is proposed to complete the Pennar bridge at Nellore?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The work is expected to be completed in March 1954."

Cholera in Malabar district.

* 206 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many deaths took place in Malabar on account of cholera recently; and

(b) what are the precautionary measures the Government have taken to check the cholera epidemic?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) There were 16 deaths from cholera in Malabar district from week ending 3rd January 1953 up to week ending 28th February 1953.

" (b) Control measures such as disinfection of infected houses, chlorination of water-sources and inoculation of contacts have been carried out. Three thousand nine hundred and ninety-three persons in all were inoculated against cholera during the period."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government received reports from the Health department in Malabar stating the reasons which led to the outbreak of cholera in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, Malabar is one of the districts which had the lowest incidence of cholera. I am surprised at the question of the hon. Member."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, is it on account of starvation and distress conditions prevailing in Malabar that cholera has started? "